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The first resolution is from the Sierra Club's San Gorgonio Chapter, representing over 6,000 members in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

The second resolution is from the Sierra Club's California/Nevada Regional Conservation Desert Committee, representing members in California and Nevada.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at the number and address below.

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Whereas San Gorgonio Chapter members and environmental organizations have successfully challenged the Environmental Impact Statement and Record of decision for the Eagle Mountain dump because of impacts to Bighorn Sheep among other issues of law, and;

Whereas the San Gorgonio Chapter supports restoration of the Salton Sea, and;

Whereas there are 9 different plans to be considered for restoring the Salton Sea, and;

Whereas one plan includes mining rock from Eagle Mountain to build a causeway that includes backhauling rock in trucks and trains after depositing garbage in the Eagle Mountains, and;

Whereas the railroad is 52 miles long that travels from Eagle Mountain hugging Joshua Tree National Park Wilderness, crosses under I-10 into the Chuckwalla Bench Area of Critical Environmental Concern, abuts the Orocopia Wilderness, travels through the Salt Creek/Dos Palmas Area of Critical Environmental Concern; on to Ferrum Junction, and;

Whereas; the rebuilding of this railroad would have a significant negative impact on endangered, threatened, and species of concern in its path, and;

Whereas rebuilding the railroad with taxpayer money will pave the way for the proposed Eagle Mountain dump;

Let it be Resolved, that the San Gorgonio Chapter of the Sierra Club hereby opposes reinitiating mining at Eagle Mountain for a source of rock.

Vote:

The Conservation Committee voted unanimously to support 9-12-06

The Executive Committee voted unanimously to support 9-19-06



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Whereas the CNRCC Desert Committee supports restoration of the Salton Sea, and;

Whereas there are 8 different plans to be considered for restoring the Salton Sea, and;

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The California Nevada Regional Conservation Desert Committee voted unanimously to support on November 11, 2006.

The San Gorgonio Chapter Conservation Committee voted unanimously to support September 12, 2006

The San Gorgonio Chapter Executive Committee voted unanimously to support September 19, 2006

